



C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

April 1, 2013

The Honorable Brad Little
President of the Senate
Idaho Legislature
Statehouse Mail
Boise, ID 83720

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. President,

I hereby advise you that I have transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following Senate Bill, to wit:

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within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 7:45 a.m. on March 27, 2013.

I carefully followed the progress and deliberations on this bill and its companion, House Bill 322, and I have discussed them at length with both supporters and opponents. I also have outlined my expectations for a cautious, deliberate and transparent public process for implementation with Idaho Transportation Board Chairman Jerry Whitehead and with Colonel Ralph Powell, director of the Idaho State Police (ISP).

As you know, the Idaho Transportation Board, in collaboration with ISP, must draft rules both for criteria that will be used in assessing the suitability of any nominated stretch of road and for the public participation process in considering any proposed designation.

Safety must be the highest priority, addressing necessary and prudent restrictions on use of designated routes, enforcement processes from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, mechanical requirements for trucks and trailers, driver certification requirements, pavement and roadbed conditions, geographic conditions, weather conditions, traffic conditions and other factors unique to each area in question. The process of considering nominated routes also must include timely, well-noticed public hearings and notification of adjacent property owners.

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) devoted significant time and effort to studying the impacts of trucks carrying loads up to 129,000 pounds on dozens of routes throughout southern Idaho.

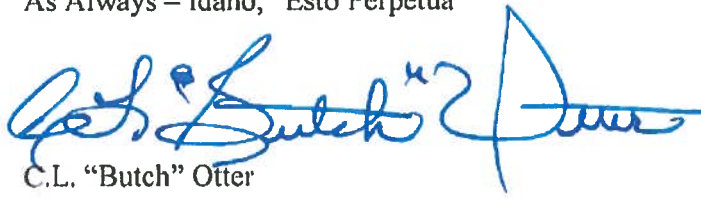
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Similarly, the process of identifying, nominating, assessing and designating routes elsewhere in the state must not be rushed toward any predetermined end. Producers, processors, truckers, the motoring public, our communities and Idaho's economy require the public's confidence for this process to succeed.

Simply put, I must be satisfied with the process before any rules are approved.

In an increasing integrated and competitive world, safe and efficient transportation of goods and raw materials along our corridors of commerce is critical to our economic growth and prosperity. I am convinced that Idaho has the will and the wherewithal to put a framework in place that adopts the best available practices, technology and oversight to advancing those goals.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho

Cc: Secretary of State